

REMARKS

Election/Restriction

In the Office Action of November 22, 2004, the Examiner imposed a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 having identified two purportedly distinct inventions:

I. Claims 1-30 drawn to a network communication between a user console and a host server;

II. Claims 31-73 drawn to a point reward system.

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with examination of Group I (claims 1-30), and withdraws the claims of Group II (claims 31-73) as being drawn to a non-elected invention, with traverse.

Claim 1 recites in part, "a host server... configured to assign points to a point account associated with the disc identification." As such, claim 1 comprises an element which operates in, and is linked to, the point reward system of Group II. Subsequent dependent claims of claim 1 further describe and claim elements of the point account of the point reward system. Therefore, Applicant does not believe a restriction is warranted in the present application.

Conclusion

The cross reference section of the present application is amended to incorporate information of the co-pending, related patent application not available at the time the present application was filed.

Applicant has elects with traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-30) for examination.

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicant requests the Examiner continue with examination of the present application. If the Examiner has questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number given below.

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